Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise):* Their service books are not available here.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Even if the service books are not available, is it not possible to know the persons who were in service during the past years?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise):* The Hon'ble Member will realise that it is not names alone that is required. You want to know their community, sub-class, etc.

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government seriously consider the appointment of a member of this Council with Rs. 75 pension to look into this matter?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise):* If the Hon'ble Member wants, I shall furnish information for the last three years.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* I should like to get that information.

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise):* Caste-war list of Excise sub-Inspectors in 1115, 1116 and 1117.

Year	Nayar	Ezhuva	Tamil Brahmin	Tamil non-Brahmin	Other Hindu	Muslim	Latin Xian	Romo Syrian
1115	4	7	3	1	1	2	1	2
1116	4	6	3	1	1	2	1	3
1117	3	6	3	1	1	2	1	4

Taluk-war list of Excise Sub-Inspectors for 1115, 1116 and 1117.

Year	Cochin-Kanayannur	Cranganur	Mukundapuram	Trichur	Talappalli	Chittur	British
1115	8	1	2	4	2	2	2
1116	9	1	2	3	2	2	2
1117	9	1	2	3	2	2	2

Mr. V. J. Mathai *(Planters):* Will the Government be pleased to give Village-war statement?

Mr. B. V. K. Menon *(Offg. Commissioner of Excise):* No.

ADJOURNMENT MOTIONS

(1) Alarm, distress, etc., in Mattancheri

Deputy President: I have got notices of adjournment motions from several members. One is from the Hon'ble Member from Mattancheri. It cannot be allowed without detriment to public interests. Therefore it is disallowed.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* What is the motion?

Deputy President: I need not say what the motion is.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi):* Then how to know which motion is rejected?

Deputy President: I have disposed of one motion.

Mr. C. R. Iyyunni *(Trichur-South):* Suppose he has put in half-a-dozen motions. We want to know which motion has been rejected.

Deputy President: The motion is about alarm, distress.....etc. in Mattancheri....

(2) Police Strike

Deputy President: Another notice for adjournment is from the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnathukavu. It is concerning the police strike. The matter is sub-judice. Therefore, it cannot be allowed.

(3) Economic distress to commercial interests by the enactment of the Excess Profits Tax Act

Deputy President: Another is from the Hon'ble Member for Commerce and Industry concerning the economic distress caused to the commercial interests of the State by the enactment of the Excess Profit Tax Act, etc. In the first place the motion questions the prerogative

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of His Highness as the Act was enacted by Proclamation. Further it revised discussion on a subject which was already discussed in a previous session of this Council.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* I rise to a point of order. Rules 21 and 22 are the rules relating to adjournment motions.

The right to move the adjournment of the Council for the purpose of discussing a definite matter of urgent public importance shall be subject to the following restrictions, *viz.*

(1) not more than one such motion shall be made at the same sitting;

(2) not more than one matter can be discussed on the same motion and the motion must be restricted to a specific matter of recent occurrence;

(3) the motion must not revive discussion on a matter which has been discussed in the same session;

(4) the motion must not anticipate a matter which has been previously appointed for consideration or with reference to which a notice of motion has been previously given;

and (5) the motion must not deal with a matter on which a resolution could not be moved.

And these are the matters on which the motion could be moved. There are no other restrictions put here.

Deputy President: The relevant restrictions are there. Restrictions concerning the resolutions have also been looked into. Therefore, I disallow the motion.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* These are matters on which resolutions could be moved. So adjournment motions also can be brought on such matters.

Deputy President: On the grounds I have already given, I disallow the motion.

(4) Banning of processions and meetings in the State

Deputy President: Another motion is from the Hon'ble Member for Mulakunnathukavu regarding the recent order of the Government banning of processions and meetings in the State. I would have gladly allowed this motion. But the notification was issued under the Defence of India Act. Therefore that is also disallowed.

Mr. P. Govinda Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* If the Chair has not given its ruling, may I submit that under the restrictions given under the Act, notifications under the Defence of India Act are not included. We are to be Governed by the rules and Acts in this Council, and I don't think a notification made under the Defence of India Rules will be binding.

Deputy President: The Defence of India Act is in force here in the public interest. A motion which cannot be discussed without detriment to public interests cannot be allowed.

Rama Varmha Tampuran *(Secretary to Government):* Defence itself is outside the purview of this Council.

(5) Situation created by Government that makes prominent merchants to leave Mattancheri

Deputy President: Another motion is from the Hon'ble Mr. Ismail Hajee Essa Sait to discuss the situation created by the Government that makes prominent merchants to leave Mattancheri First of all, it is not a definite matter and moreover, it contemplates the subjects covered by the previous motions already disallowed.

(6) Banning of public meetings

Deputy President: Another motion is from Mr. A. V. Moothedan concerning the banning of public meetings. That is also disallowed.

Election of members to the Standing Finance Committee and Road Board

Deputy President: The election of members to the Standing Finance Committee and Road Board is fixed for Thursday, 28th May, and the nomination papers will be received by the Secretary till 5 p.m. on Tuesday.

Bills assented to or dissented from by His Highness the Maharaja—Announcement of

Secretary to the Council: Under Standing Order 52, I have to announce that His Highness the Maharaja has been pleased to give His gracious assent to the following Bills.—(1) The Cochin Income-tax Bill, (2) The Cochin Irrigation Act (Amendment) Bill. I may also announce that His Highness has been pleased to withold His assent to the Cochin Agriculturists' Relief Act (Amendment) Bill passed by this Council on 4th December 1941.

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